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Two Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

- 1. State Budget. Taxes. Voting Requirement. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.*
- 2. State Budget, Related Taxes, and Reserve. Voting Requirements, Penalties. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.*

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponents of two new initiatives have received clearance to begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follows:

STATE BUDGET. TAXES. VOTING REQUIREMENTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Permits Legislature to enact budget and budget-related appropriation and tax bills with 55% vote rather than current 2/3 vote. Such taxes expire after three years unless voters approve. Legislature, Governor permanently lose salary, expenses each day budget is late. Requires that Legislature stay in session until budget is passed. Requires budget summary in state ballot pamphlet and link to Internet website with legislators' voting records on budget, related taxes. Requires 25% of certain state revenue increases be deposited in reserve fund, which cannot be used to increase state spending.

STATE BUDGET, RELATED TAXES, AND RESERVE. VOTING REQUIREMENTS. PENALTIES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. Permits Legislature to enact budget and budget-related tax and appropriation bills with 55% vote rather than 2/3 vote currently required. Requires that Legislature, Governor permanently lose salary, expenses for each day budget is late. Requires that Legislature stay in session until budget is passed. Requires budget summary in state ballot pamphlet and link to Internet website with legislators' voting records on budget and related taxes. Requires 25% of certain state revenue increases be deposited in reserve fund, which cannot be used to increase spending.

The proponents, Robin B. Johansen and James C. Harrison, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters for their measure. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is November 17, 2003. The proponents can be reached at (510) 346-6200.

For a copy of the complete texts, titles & summaries, and circulation calendars, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at (916) 653-6575.